

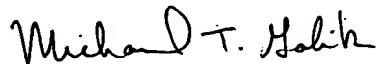
REMARKS

In response to the Requirement for Restriction in the above-identified Office Action, applicants hereby elect with traverse Group II, namely claims 46-50 and 54-56 for prosecution at this time. If necessary, applicants reserve the right to present the subject matter of claims withdrawn from this application in a divisional application at the appropriate time.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that an office action has already been issued in this application on claims 26-50, of which claims 26-45 (in Group I) are directed to a starter and claims 46-50 (in Group II) are directed to a timepiece. Applicants responded to that office action by amending each of the independent claims and adding claims 51-56, of which claims 51-53 are directed to a starter and claims 54-56 are directed to a timepiece. Also, to further show unity of invention between the two claim groups subject to restriction, applicants have amended each of the independent claims directed to a starter, namely, claims 26-29, 51 and 53 to indicate that the starter is for an electric power generator for a timepiece.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that all pending claims be reconsidered on the merits.

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